	Kgs
1991	4415
1992	7475
1993	14712

(c) The illicit production and trafficking of mandrax in the country attracts deterent penalties under the NDPS Act, 1985 including minimum mandatory sentence of 10 years. As a result of the increased enforcement effort, the traffickers are shifting the operations to new areas to avoid detection.

(d) Instructions have been issued to all enforcement agencies to maintain the utmost vigil and step up enforcement efforts under the stringent provisions contained in the various Acts. Training is being imparted to officers to improve their effectiveness. Vehicles and communication equipments have been provided to enforcement agencies. Acetic Anthyride, one of the important ingredients for illict production of Methaqualone (Mandrax) has been declared as Controlled Substance' under the NDPS Act in 1993.

विदेशों से प्राप्त ऋण-राशि

2119. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**
श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि वित्तीय वर्ष 1993–94 के आरंभिक 9 माह के दौरान विदेशों से ऋण तथा अनुदान के रूप में प्राप्त धनराशि इसी अवधि के दौरान विदेशों को लौटाई जाने वाली ऋण की किस्त और देय ब्याज की राशि से कम थी ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त अवधि के दौरान प्राप्त और अदा की गई धनराशियां कितनी-कितनी हैं ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि गत वित्तीय वर्ष 1992–93 में ऋण अदायगी की किस्त और उस पर देय ब्याज की धनराशि ऋण और सहायता के रूप में प्राप्त धनराशि से अधिक थी; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि गत दो वर्षों से प्राप्त ऋण की राशि का उपयोग देश में उत्पादन के लिए नहीं किया गया है।

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० अब्दार अहमद) : (क) और (ख) जी, हां। 1993–94 के पहले नौ महीनों के दौरान विदेशों से ऋण और अनुदानों के रूप में प्राप्त होने वाली राशि 4198.6 करोड़ रुपए (सरकारी खाते में) थी और ऋण और ब्याज की किश्तों के रूप में वापसी अदायगी की राशि 6367.3 करोड़ रुपए थी।

(ग) जी, नहीं। 1992–93 के दौरान ऋण और अनुदान के रूप में प्राप्त होने वाली राशि 9875.05 करोड़ रुपए थी, जबकि ऋण और ब्याज की वापसी अदायगी की राशि 8138.19 करोड़ रुपए थी।

(घ) जी, नहीं। 1992–93 में 8995 करोड़ रुपए की राशि का उपयोग किया गया और चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के प्रथम नौ महीनों में 3711.59 करोड़ रुपए का उपयोग किया गया है।

Foreign Funds sought by SCICI and ICICI

2120. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the original intent of allowing SCICI and ICICI to seek funds abroad in the wake of economic liberalisation since 1991-92;

(b) details of the intention behind the permission granted to SCICI and ICICI to seek foreign funds;

(c) whether there was any need to rush headlong into foreign funds markets;

(d) what is the assessment of such permission;

(e) whether it is a fact that foreign fund-seeking has become more of a prestigious administrative attraction in lieu of any improvement in the functioning of above institutions; and

(f) whether this policy will be reviewed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) SCICI and ICICI were allowed access to external commercial borrowings to finance their lending operations.

(c) to (e) The necessity for raising funds, the choice of markets and the manner in which funds are to be raised are all commercial decisions left to the individual organisations within the broad parameters of Government policy, taking into consideration the various options available.

(f) Does not arise.

Income Tax on Minors

2121. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are levying income tax on minors who are allowed to work as per law by clubbing their income with that of their parents;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to reverse this policy.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) No, Sir. The income derived by the minor from manual work or from any activity involving a specialised knowledge or experience is not clubbed with the income of his parent.

(b) and (c) In view of the reply to part (a) ,(b) and (c) do not arise.

Customs Clearance at Hyderabad

2122. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state-

(a) how many passengers have been cleared by Customs at Hyderabad Air port in 1992-93 and 1993-94, till the 31st January, 1994;

(b) whether most of these passengers are Hyderabadi workers returning from the Middle East;

(c) if so, what special steps Government are proposing to help workers returning from Middle East to have easy clearance from Customs;

(d) whether Government are aware that very often Hyderabad workers returning from Middle East are not given assistance in Bombay or at other customs; and

(e) if so, steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) During the financial year 1992-93, 11,327 passengers were cleared through customs from Hyderabad airport. During current year, 10625 passengers have cleared through customs at Hyderabad airport upto 31-01-1994.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) All passengers clearing through customs are treated with courtesy without discrimination for the purpose of expeditious clearance.

Opening of Income Tax Offices in Andhra Pradesh

2123. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government are proposing to open more offices of Income Tax Department, at Commissioner level, in Andhra Pradesh;